



GREETINGS FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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ONE BUTTON SHORT OF A BAND JACKET...

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Perhaps I should offer a small explanation for the title of this missive, "One Button Short of a Band Jacket". Tradition plays a large part in all things that make Rotary - well, Rotary. One of these traditions is the RI President's official JACKET. Yes, the jacket. This important piece of clothing is chosen by the incoming RI President for the District Governors to wear during their year of service. It is a point of excitement (and pride) to wear the official jacket. I have seen (and admired) many in the past. A particular lovely choice was the year's selection worn by PDG Jane Lucas when she served. It was an interesting shade of maroon - which I will admit - she wore very well.

This year, RI President Mehta from India, chose a subdued grey for which I am forever grateful with one exception - the brass buttons that accent it. My grey jacket (made for a man) has 11 brass buttons which strangely seem like a uniform worn by marching bands. Thus, the title! I have worn THE JACKET for four months, to 26 club visits and 9 events. Each time I come in the room I think surely there is a band in here somewhere or at least I should be carrying a bassoon! So fair warning to all those that are traditionalists - the official jacket is in the closet and a new grey (no buttons and made for a woman) is now being sported to all the official visits - just sayin'...

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July 1, 2021, the date every District Governor Elect around the world officially became DISTRICT GOVERNORS! District 6170 passed the gavel from now IPDG Jamie Higgins to DG Kathy Carter. This is not a small achievement folks. This has taken three years and 75,000 Zoom hours to accomplish. However, it's official, and as many can attest – DG Carter is in the room!

What an honor you have allowed me as I serve District 6170 as District Governor, 2021-2022. My hope for this Rotary year is to continue to overcome the challenges we have seen with the COVID pandemic and continue to grow, engage, and value the members we have and the new ones we will add. Also, to continue service in a mighty way in meeting the needs in our community and around the world.



75,000 Zoom
hours!

My vision this year was the continued eradication of Polio as well as the Empowerment of women and children with issues such as sanitation, feminine hygiene, clean water, and waste management. I am continually overwhelmed with gratitude and pride as I visit clubs who have embraced these issues and are meeting needs in their community. Great job!

We have assembled a tremendous Leadership team for District 6170. This talented and dedicated team is here to help every Club and every Rotarian succeed.

I want to thank IPDG Jamie Higgins for being my friend and mentor this past year. His knowledge and leadership added such an asset to our District as well as to any success I might have. Jamie is now in a Zone position as Assistant Public Image Coordinator ARPIC. Also, my continued thanks goes to all the Past District Governors (Council of Governors) for their previous service to this district and their continued involvement on the council. Their commitment to Rotary and this district cannot be understated. The Past District Governors have been my stabilizing force as I have taken on this task. They are but a phone call away with invaluable wisdom and Rotary knowledge!

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Arkadelphia Sunrise
Club meets at Sunset

To aid the leadership of our district, a new position that I have installed is that of District Assistant to the Governor. This position is held by Shawnee Cooper from the Rotary Club of North Garland County. Shawnee's knowledge of Rotary plus her incredible skills in organizational management have been invaluable. The position of DG is tasked with many administrative duties that one person alone does not have the time or expertise to fulfill successfully. The district position that Shawnee holds takes care of many of these duties. She is also the one who organized, advertised, and spearheaded our extremely successful Polio event. Keep an eye open - she has more events in the future for our district!

Rotarians in each club of Rotary District 6170 are the heart and soul of Rotary. United we can do great things and continue to serve humanity. Each club set goals for this Rotary year. I challenge you to work vigorously to achieve them. Remember what is important to us in Rotary, our core values: Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership. As we meet our goals and keep our core values, we will proudly own the mission statement that "We are Change Makers"!



Ms. Shawnee Cooper



**Hot Springs Club
Service Project**



Author John Maxwell stated that "Everything rises and falls on Leadership." I have every confidence in the leadership at the club level. Each club president in District 6170 has Rotary at heart and believes in the motto of "Service Above Self." RI President Shekhar Mehta reminds us to "lead by example." What a privilege to lead in a District that has taken on these concepts and leads so that each member can "Serve to change lives". WE ARE ROTARIANS! Thank you for your every effort to do good in the world!



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

OVER THE TOP, OVERWHELMED, AND HONORED...

The Rotary Club of Arkadelphia Sunrise honored the incoming District Governor, Kathy Carter, with a beautiful Installation Banquet. The banquet was held the evening of June 29, 2021 at Ouachita Baptist University in their formal banquet room. Attending the evening were over 75 members from both Arkadelphia clubs, Rotary members in the district, Past District Governors from around the district, friends, and family.

The event was lovely, beginning with hors d'oeuvres and music leading to a beautifully catered meal. The festivities continued with special words of gratitude and recognition from different members of the district. The hosting club, Rotary Club of Sunrise Rotary, has the distinction of having four PDG's in the club which added to the dignitary's present!

PDG Jane Lucas presented Paul Harris Awards to several members as well as a Paul Harris Society to DG Carter. PDG Linda Schuck led the District Governor Exchange of Pins and passing of the gavel. PDG Allen Morgan led the Oath of Office for incoming DG Kathy Carter. We all enjoyed IPDG Jamie Higgins reflection for his successful governor year.

One of the highlights of the evening was DG Carter presenting her grandson, Carter Gambill from North Carolina, a Paul Harris Award as she also challenged him to be a man of "Service above Self" and champion those in need. DG Carter summed up the evening with a vision of her year and what we as a district can accomplish working together as we "Serve to Change Lives".

The Past District Governor's of DG Carter's club surprised her with an amazing collection of past Rotary Themed label pins framed. Knowing her love of Rotary pins - this indeed will be a cherished memory!

Thank you, Rotary Club of Arkadelphia Sunrise, and especially President Yukiko Taylor, for a night to remember!



TWO HOURS TO EVERYWHERE...

DISTRICT GOVERNOR OFFICIAL VISITS

I was told by many Past District Governors – “you will love doing your club visits!”. And yes, they were correct. Best...time...ever! What a wonderful opportunity to be afforded the unique privilege to visit each of the clubs in District 6170.

Early in March of 2021, I pulled out the hardcopy of “Official Highway Map 2019-2020 Arkansas” (this is true, I’m directionally challenged) and planned my “Official Club Visits” with a highlighter.



**My best friend for
26 club visits!**

PHOTOS FROM THE ROAD



Crosset Visit



Hot Springs
Visit



Oaklawn Visit

Just to be clear – HIGHWAY is a real overstatement – it should read “sort of a road”. When I posted the dates and times of the club visits in DACdb, not one, but many commented on the unusual schedule – crossing the same path as I whizzed down the small roads of southern Arkansas. Yes, directionally challenged – but, hey, I’ve discovered parts of Arkansas I would never have seen!

So, “Two hours to everywhere”? Apparently when you get out the Arkansas Road Map – or as I now call it – Waze – you find that even if the mileage is 3.6 miles down the road – it will take two hours. Club visit days are a joy...hop up and put on the band jacket, load the car, drive down a small road behind a log truck, and hope you make the club visit in time – I love the dicey-ness of this gig!

July found me in the Rotary Clubs of Warren, Monticello, El Dorado, Dermott, Stamps and Magnolia. My AG’s did the ground work and the clubs were readied for board meeting and club program.

August was down the road to the Rotary Clubs of Ashdown, Polk County-Mena (with an overnight stay at Queen Wilhelmina State Park!), Hope and then the final visit of the month at Pine Bluff. (continued on next page)

September was busy as visits continued to the Rotary Clubs of Morrilton, Arkadelphia, Russellville Downtown (6:30 am Zoom from my hotel), Dardanelle, Clarksville, De Queen, Sheridan, Satellite Club of Hot Springs Village After Hours, and ending in Hot Springs Villagewhew! October offered the two hour drives full of fall colors - what a treat! Highway 7 got lots of travel as visits were at the Rotary Clubs of Oaklawn, Hot Springs National Park, Russellville, Camden, and just short of Louisiana, Crossett!

I want to thank each president and the leadership of these outstanding clubs as they hosted me in such a kind manner. I enjoyed meals together, laughs as we discussed so many issues, admired their care and concern for their members and communities, and each club's efforts to improve the lives of others.

I was challenged as clubs presented their goals, looked at the future of their clubs, flexed, adapted, and worked to make clubs stronger, inclusive, diverse and engaging. I was pleased to be part of programs which recognized the accomplishments of the club, honored the most senior member of a club and welcomed the newest of another club.

Clubs have their own personality. Each fits into their community in a unique way - using the resources and expertise of those around them. It has been an absolute delight to meet Rotarians around district 6170.

You amaze me - thank you for all you do for Rotary!

Best,
Kathy



MAGNOLIA VISIT



ARKADELPHIA VISIT



MONTICELLO VISIT



**DEQUEEN'S COOL
MEETING SPOT!**



**ROTARY BAKERS
ARE THE BEST!**



**CROSSING THE
MISSISSIPPI? TOO FAR?**

NOVEMBER 2021

2ND: DISTRICT
CONVERSAION WITH
LEADERSHIP

2ND - 10TH: HEART2 HEART
ONSITE VISIT

15TH: ANNUAL FILING
REQUIREMENT TO IRS

DECEMBER 2021

1ST: DEADLINE TO UPDATE
MEMBERSHIP FOR JAN. SAR

2ND: DISTRICT CHRISTMAS
PARTY

15TH: DEADLINE FOR
ELECTION OF 2022-2023
CLUB OFFICERS

31ST: DEADLINE TO REPORT
2022-2023 CLUB PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY TO RI

JANUARY 2022

1ST: RI SEMI-ANNUAL
REPORT (SAR) AND DUES DUE
TO RI AND DISTRICT DUES
TO DISTRICT TREASURER

14TH: DISTRICT FINANCE
COMMITTEE (ZOOM)

16TH: INTERNATIONAL
ASSEMBLY, ORLANDO, FL

29TH: JFLA, MAGNOLIA

JAN - MARCH: AG'S MAKE
THIRD QUARTER VISITS TO
CLUBS

FEBURARY 2022

1ST: INCOMING CLUB
OFFICERS REPORTED TO RI

17TH: DEADLINES FOR
APPLICATIONS TO RYLA

MARCH 2022

4TH - 5TH: JFLA, HOT SPRINGS

24 - 26TH: MAPETS, SPRINGDALE, AR

APRIL 2022

7TH - 10TH: RYLA, FERNDALE

22ND: ROTARY ENVIRONMENT PROJECT - ROTARY CLEAN AR (DISTRICT 3 PROJECT)

23RD: JFLA, CONWAY

29TH: DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, DOUBLETREE, HOT SPRINGS

30TH: DISTRICT CONFERENCE, DOUBLETREE, HOT SPRINGS

APRIL - JUNE: AGS MAKE 4TH QUARTER VISITS

JUNE 2022

1ST: FINAL PROJECT REPORT DUE FROM CLUBS FOR DISTRICT GRANTS

3RD - 8TH: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, HOUSTON, TX

